

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>DQ 015 PCT/US</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/GB2004/003431</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/537638</b>
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>09/08/2004</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>12/12/2003</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING HANDLING PIPE</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Krijnen, Anton; Berry, Joe; de Keijzer, Neils; Mulder, Rene</b>		

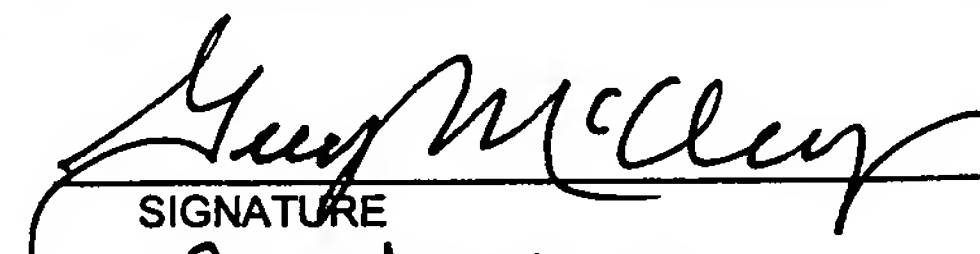
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☒ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.
18. ☒ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: **see attached sheet**

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The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee.....		\$300		\$	300
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....		\$100		\$	200
All other situations.....		\$200			
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....		\$100			
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office.....		\$400		\$	400
All other situations.....		\$500			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total claims	32 - 20 =	12	x \$ 50	\$	600
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent claims	4 - 3 =	1	x \$200	\$	200
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.					
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Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	
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<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
<p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>GUY MCCLUNG Suite 347 16690 Champion Forest Dr Spring, TX 77379-7023</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <p> SIGNATURE <u>Guy McClung</u> NAME <u>29,008</u> REGISTRATION NUMBER</p> </div> </div>					

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20. Other Items or Information:

Verified Certification of Express Mailing, No. EV 493083902 US

Extra Set new Claims (33-64) For PTO Examiner

Extra Set Drawings, 16 Sheets, For PTO Examiner

Invitation To Pay Addit'l Fees in case PCT/GB2004/003431, Form PCT/ISA/206 Mailed 17/11/2004,  
3 pp., w/ Annex 2 pp.

Notification of Int'l Application Number and of the Int'l Filing Date in case PCT/GB2004/003431,  
1 p., mailed 13.8.2004 N

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Enclosed are: Transmittal Letter under 35 USC 371; two copies of Int'l Application No. PCT/GB2004/003431; Preliminary Amendment; Form PTO 2038 for paying fees by credit card; Extra Set new Claims (33-64) For PTO Examiner; Extra Set Drawings, 16 Sheets, For PTO Examiner; Power of Attorney; Invitation To Pay Addit'l Fees in case PCT/GB2004/003431, Form PCT/ISA/206 Mailed 17/11/2004, 3 pp., w/ Annex 2 pp.; Notification of Int'l Application Number and of the Int'l Filing Date in case PCT/GB2004/003431, 1 p., mailed 13.8.2004; Notification Concerning Submission Or Transmittal of Priority Document in case PCT/GB2004/003431; PCT Request in case PCT/GB2004/003431.

I declare and certify that this paper and all items listed above are being deposited with sufficient postage with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under § 1001 of Title 18, United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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